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## OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN

At last the three parties have entered on the campaign in Nye county and voters may judge for themselves of the merits of the respective tickets. The Republicans have come out in the open by declaring a fight against the extravagances and wastefulness that has characterized the last two administrations. The party will make the contest on this direct issue with the slogan of "4.01 for 1916." This epitomizes the sole issue of the campaign and one that should be stamped on the inner consciousness of every man and woman who has a vote to cast at this election. There is nothing else to discuss. Rival parties may extol the greatness of their national chiefs and descendant on federal policies, but the man with a home of his own and dependent on the exertions of himself or sons and daughters has nothing more appealing than protection for the spot on earth which is called home. For years the encroachments of the tax eaters have been growing more aggressive and rapacious, until at the present time there seems no possible chance to drive home the fact that these men are merely the creatures of the people instead of their taskmasters and tyrants. Instead of consulting taxpayers regarding the outlay of their respective offices and applying themselves to economies officials reigning at the courthouse actually sneer at the idea of adopting business principles. They laughed at suggestions that money might be saved in various ways, but the most flagrant challenge of the people is the fact that the present county administration on the eve of an election had the nerve to go before the State Revenue board to secure permission to borrow \$20,000 in addition to the enormous sum taken to operate the county. This amount in round figures is \$100,000 a year, nine tenths of which is absorbed by salaries, without any apparent return to the county in the shape of permanent improvements.

It is up to the people of Nye county to decide what course to pursue. If they are earnest about securing reforms they will express their opinions at the polls and they will induce all their friends to vote for the only party that is intent on inaugurating a business policy with a distinct pledge to lower the taxes very materially. The Democratic party is singularly silent on this matter of most vital importance, as it is a subject which the candidates would like to avoid. In their estimation the less said about expenses the better it is for their own personal prospects, for they have no desire to commit themselves to any retrenchment that will interfere with their profligacy in handling the people's money. That explains the eloquent silence of the Democratic candidates on this, the only issue, in Nye county, and the taxpayers and voters may draw their own conclusions.

## "NEEDED—A GOAT"

REPORTS in Washington say that President Wilson is going to make William Jennings Bryan the goat for the Tampico incident, which is one of the darkest chapters in American history. This was the time that the American ships withdrew from the Mexican city of Tampico, and left a large number of American men, women and children to the mercy of an enraged mob of Mexicans. They were later rescued by the German cruiser Dresden, whose captain told the Mexican commander that if they were harmed he would blow the city to pieces with his guns. The date of this deplorable incident was April 19, 1914. No wonder the president, filled with shame, wants to find a scapegoat.

Jim Nugent is running President Wilson's campaign in New Jersey. Yes, the same Jim Nugent who, not so many years ago, referred to Mr. Wilson as a "liar and an ingrate" at a well known New Jersey seashore resort.

President Wilson's idea of preparedness consists in getting rid of men who really know something about it. Every one knows what happened to Lindley M. Garrison when he was secretary of war.

Practically all the chairmen of the important committees in Congress come from the south. That is the reason, perhaps, that the people from this end of the country have had so much put over on them.

All the red blooded, two fisted Americans in Maine are going to vote the Republican ticket this fall. There's lots of the old stuff left in the Pine Tree State.

President Wilson's efforts to play politics with the railroads and their employees has resulted in a collision in his single track mind.

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BY L. B. (LITTON) BALLEW

For some years I have occasionally written short articles for publication in various papers under this head. Some have been intended to amuse, and some to make the readers think. Never are they intended to offend. Friendship comes from kindness, and I think I have many friends among the readers of this paper, and I hope to make more. If my views differ from yours, I want you the right to your views just as freely as I claim the right to my own. If your politics differ from mine, you have every right to your own convictions, the same as I have to mine, and I will still be your friend, without regard to politics, religion, race, color, nationality or occupation. I shall pay for this space at advertising rates and thus be sure it will not be crowded out by more important matter.

THOMAS A. EDISON might walk into a great electric power plant and see at a glance a number of inefficiencies that were being tolerated and say nothing about it, but he would know the weak points at a glance. An efficiency engineer might walk through any factory and see a number of improvements that might be made to lower costs, and he might say nothing about it. But if Mr. Edison and the efficiency engineer were stockholders, it's a sure thing that they would bring their observations before the next stockholders' meeting. I am a stockholder in Nye county, and as such I am interested, because my taxes and my living expenses, my comfort and my safety, depend upon the county management. The stockholders' meeting and election of officers occurs on November 7th. I have much to say about the way that business is conducted, but I do not wish to impugn the slightest dishonesty against any one new in office, but I do wish to point out the fact that the county taxes are the highest they have ever been, and that means nothing else than inefficiency. A man may be thoroughly honest and a conscientious worker, and at the same time be inefficient. Records and bookkeeping do not make efficient an officer. Anybody can fill in forms, and keep check stubs of the money paid out, and can tell what it costs, but they cannot tell you how much more it costs than it should cost.

At the present time, there are five men on salary in the sheriff's office, Mr. Miles, Mr. Walker, Mr. Williams, Mr. Briggs and Mr. Slavin; probably every one a conscientious worker; several of them are good bookkeepers and systematizers. At \$5 a day, or \$150 a month, for four of them, and \$300 a month for Mr. Slavin, the payroll in the office is \$900 a month. On top of this, there is travel expense, automobile hire, mileage, upkeep of the jail, office expenses and the pay of deputies outside the office. Even with all these employees, the office looks like a country town real estate office when you enter it, and yet there is not half the work in that office that there is in some merchants' or mining companies' offices where one or two bookkeepers do it all.

Nine Hundred Dollars a month for office help, besides the outside deputies. Wouldn't it make Henry Ford laugh to see it? If the Ford factory run at that rate of expense throughout, Ford cars would cost \$10,000 apiece, and the man that bought the cars would be paying \$300 for materials and workmanship and \$9,700 for inefficiencies.

I have employed men for years. My men work seven hours for \$5 to \$6 a day. I arrange every convenience possible to make their work easy, and they accomplish more with less effort and fatigue than when they are working eight hours hand-capped by inefficiencies. ASK ANY MAN THAT EVER WORKED FOR ME.

You can smell a gas leak, you can hear a steam leak, you can see a water leak, but all you can do is to PAY FOR A LEAK DUE TO INEFFICIENCY. The tax rate of Nye county is the highest that it has ever been in the history of the county—yet the roads are in worse condition than they have ever been in the memory of man. The Main street of the town is a disgrace, due to lack of attention, hence it must be that the money gets away without accomplishing anything of material good except paying the salaries, commissions and fees of the officers of the county and their deputies.

If the claim is made that the officers are efficient, WHAT BECOMES OF THE MONEY? There may be some little points where leaks have been stopped, but stopping up the bung hole or spigot of a barrel that has the bottom out will not make it hold water. Any man may be an excellent workman, until some one comes along who can do better work, at less expense, then he is no longer excellent.

The purpose of Economics (called Efficiency) is to chart the business sea. Ordinary bookkeepers, account-

ants and systematizers are not masters of the Science of Economics. It takes a navigator to direct the course of a ship, but any school boy or passenger on the ship can keep a diary of the places touched, and of the incidents that happen on board.

Any bookkeeper can fill in forms, and talk "system," and TELL YOU WHAT IT COSTS to run the business, but HE CANNOT TELL YOU HOW MUCH MORE IT IS COSTING THAN IT SHOULD COST.

I can tell you some of them, and will tell you in future issues, and I know there are others that I'll have to find next year, should I be elected to the office of Sheriff and Assessor. Good night. Adv.

(To be continued.)

## SOCIALIST LECTURE THURSDAY EVENING AT THE AIRDOME

Miss Caroline A. Lowe will speak Thursday evening at the Airdome on Socialism. She is one of the best speakers of the party and her lectures have been listened to by hundreds of thousands in all parts of the country. The Mining Record, of Ely, Nev., writes of her appearance in that town as follows:

"Miss Caroline A. Lowe, a national lecturer on Socialism, addressed the people of Ely for two hours at the Empire Theater Wednesday night. The attendance was the largest of any public gathering held in the district this season, not even standing room being left. She proved to be a most entertaining speaker, handling only the social, economic and human sides of the great political issues now before the people. She is a bright, intelligent woman and her lecture showed that she had studied deeply the subjects under discussion. Her remarks were temperate and well delivered."—Adv.

## Application No. 4967 Notice of Application for Permission to appropriate the Public Waters of the State of Nevada

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of July, 1916, in accordance with Section 59, Chapter 140, of the Statutes of 1915, one H. D. Porter, of Rhyolite, County of Nye, and State of Nevada, made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to appropriate the public waters of the State of Nevada. Such appropriation is to be made from Mexican Camp Spring, at a point on unsurveyed land, approximately in the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 3, T. 12 S., R. 44 E., M. D. B. & M. by means of a pipe line, and 1-4th of one cubic foot-per second is to be conveyed to a point in the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 3, T. 12 S., R. 44 E., M. D. B. & M. by means of pipes and troughs, and there used for stock watering and domestic purposes. Water not to be returned to stream.

(Signed) W. M. KEARNEY, State Engineer.  
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